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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, RIOTING IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS IN PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE HAS RESULTED IN AT LEAST 14 DEATHS, 28 INJURIES AND 31 ARRESTS. OFFICIALS NOW ESTIMATE PROPERTY DAMAGE AT MORE THAN ONE MILLION RAND R1.00 EQUALS \$1.15). RIOTING REPORTEDLY CONTINUED FOR SECOND DAY IN PORT ELIZABETH AREA (AUGUST 19) WITH STONING OF CARS DRIVEN BY WHITES AND BURNING OF ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, RIOTERS ATTEMPTED ATTACK AT LEAST TWO FACTORIES IN STRUANDALE INDUSTRIAL AREA BUT WERE DETERRED BY POLICE.

2. ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN CAPE, POLICE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED 350 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT LADY FRERE NEAR QUEENSTOWN AFTER DEMONSTRATION BY SOME 500 STUDENTS WHICH LED TO BURNING OF Y-DUTY TRUCKS AND CUTTING OF TELEPHONE WIRES. AT EAST LONDON, POLICE REPORTEDLY USED TEAR GAS TO BREAK UP DEMONSTRATION BY SOME 200 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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3. IN CAPE TOWN, A LOCAL MAGISTRATE ISSUED RULING THAT ONLY PARENTS AND RELATIVES MAY ATTEND FUNERAL TOMORROW (AUGUST 21) OF LANGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT KILLED IN RIOTING LAST WEEK. ACCORDING REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED, STUDENTS AT LANGA AND OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN MAKING PREPARATIONS ALL WEEK FOR PARTICIPATING IN FUNERAL CEREMONIES. PERMIT ISSUED BY MAGISTRATE SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS THEIR ATTENDANCE. COMMENT- SHOULD STUDENTS ATTEMPT ATTEND FUNERAL IN VIOLATION TERMS OF PERMIT, POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER VIOLENCE CANNOT BE RULES OUT.

4. AT (COLORED) UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE, RECTOR ANNOUNCED EXPULSION OF EIGHT MORE STUDENTS FOR THEIR PART IN DISRUPTING CLASSES OVER PAST TWO WEEKS. RECTOR ALSO SAID THOSE BOYCOTTING CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN ONE WEEK TO RETURN TO CLASS OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE FINAL EXAMS. RECTOR'S STRONG CALL FOR RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITIES WAS SUPPORTED PUBLICLY BY LABOR PARTY, MAJOR COLORED POLITICAL PARTY. DEPUTY LEADER DAVID CURRY, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PARTY, SAID STUDENTS HAD MADE THEIR POINT THAT THERE IS NO DIVISION AMONG "BLACK" STUDENT COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, ACADEMIC EDUCATION WAS OF EQUAL NECESSITY TO POLITICAL EDUCATION AND THOSE REFUSING TO RETURN TO CLASSES NOW WOULD BE INJURING THE CAUSE OF "LIBERATION".

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